

## ABSTRACT

1. An apparatus for displaying a program guide is provided with: a storing device for storing contract conditions of a plurality of programs; a program information receiving device for receiving information about programs; a program selection accepting device for accepting a selection of a desirable program from a plurality of the programs; a contract conditions reading device for reading the contract conditions corresponding to a selected program whose selection is accepted; a program information reading device for reading the information about the selected program; a determining device for determining whether the selected program is allowed to be viewed by comparison between the read information and the read contract conditions; and a displaying device for displaying information to specify the selected program, and information on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on an identical screen, at least if the result of determining is that the selected program is not allowed to be viewed.